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Illinois Awards \$1.3 Million to Accelerate Electronic Health Exchange in Underserved Communities

Governor Pat Quinn announced the award of \$1.3 million to three not-for-profit entities in Illinois to provide health information exchange (HIE) services to “white space” healthcare providers throughout the state. “white space” entities are those delivering health care services in practice settings and geographic areas currently underserved by HIE services. The grantees are:

- Southern Illinois Healthcare - \$500,000 to connect 68 providers in hospitals, small practices, federally qualified health centers, behavioral health organizations and the Public Health Dept. throughout southern Illinois to an health information service/solution that also connects to the ILHIE
- Heartland Health Outreach - \$495,120 to connect 268 providers in federally qualified health centers, free clinics and small medical practices throughout the metropolitan Chicago area directly to the ILHIE
- Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network - \$338,600 to connect 1,379 providers in critical access hospitals throughout central and southern Illinois directly to the ILHIE

"Upgrading our health information technology network is a critical part of our efforts to transform our health care system into one that focuses on wellness and keeping people healthy through better preventive care," Governor Quinn said. "Improving communication among providers is a key to this transformation. These grants are another important step in the direction of a fully connected Illinois and better patient care." The grants will enable more than 1,600 individual providers to connect with more than 48 health care organizations serving hundreds of thousands of patients every year through the ILHIE.

Near North Health Service Corporation On Boarding to the ILHIE

Near North Health Service Corporation provides health care, social services and nutrition education to residents of the near north side, as well as the communities of West Town, Humboldt Park, West Garfield Park, Austin, Kenwood/Oakland, Douglas and Grand Boulevard, and Uptown. It cares for more than 47,000 patients annually and many of its patients live in high-rise public housing. Near North is on boarding to the ILHIE for the ILHIE's second phase, bidirectional services and has also agreed to partner and support the testing of the technology needed to successfully execute the ILHIE's Emergency Department use case. Near North is a founding organization of the Alliance of Chicago, which promotes the thoughtful use of health information technology among safety net providers.

Use Case: The Emergency Department (ED); a patient arrives at an ILHIE partner ED; the patient is identified through the use of ILHIE technology and it is determined that the patient has relevant records in multiple locations that are also connected to the ILHIE. ILHIE consolidates medical records and delivers the result to the ED, so it can better serve the patient.

To learn more about The Alliance and Near North visit www.alliancechicago.org and www.nearnorthhealth.org

For more information:

To learn more about health information exchange in Illinois visit HIE.Illinois.gov

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Connect to the ILHIE Today

Are you a health care provider that is seeking innovative ways to improve patient care, save time and lower costs? If so, it is time to learn more about connecting to the ILHIE. Please contact Raul Recarey, ILHIE Executive Director at raul.recarey@illinois.gov to discuss further details.

Connect to the Illinois Department of Public Health Using ILHIE Direct

The ILHIE welcomes the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to ILHIE Direct. If you are a provider that exchanges patient information with staff at IDPH, you can now securely exchange through ILHIE Direct. Please communicate with your contact(s) at IDPH and ask them if they have an ILHIE Direct address. Let them know that you'd like to save time, lower costs and improve patient care coordination with them as your ILHIE Direct communication partner. All they need to do is to request an address from their ILHIE Direct Administrator. Once you both have ILHIE Direct addresses you can immediately begin to experience the benefits of secure messaging. If you have not registered yet for ILHIE Direct, think of the unlimited information exchange possibilities with IDPH alone!

Behavioral Health Integration Update

The Illinois Behavioral Health Integration Project (BHIP) held its second statewide meeting on Thursday, November 1st to showcase accomplishments, findings and next steps. 245 providers and stakeholders attended the meeting in Naperville, Springfield and via webinar. Three demonstration project representatives discussed the success of exchanging clinical documents via ILHIE Direct, creating significant time savings in processing tests and screening assessments for individuals in substance use treatment programs and individuals being connected to mental health services. Attorneys discussed the changing landscape of consent and previewed a new toolkit for consent that can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/BHIPToolkit>.

If you missed the meeting, be sure to take a moment to review the presentations or to listen in on the video recording by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/BHIPStatewide2>. For further information regarding BHIP, please contact Dia Cirillo at dia.cirillo@illinois.gov.

A New Brand for a New Time at ILHIE



As the Illinois Health Information Exchange (ILHIE) begins the second phase of statewide HIE implementation, we've updated our look to signify a new day for HIE in Illinois. We hope you like the new logo. It appropriately represents a contemporary interpretation of both health care and communications. Critical factors to a successful and connected health information exchange in Illinois.

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ILHIE Direct Now Offered at No Cost through June, 2013 Improve Patient Care, Save Time and Lower Costs

Securely Exchange Patient Health Information

ILHIE Direct is an encrypted, HIPAA compliant service that allows you to communicate with other providers with or without an Electronic Health Record (EHR) system. All you need is an Internet connection and a web browser to use ILHIE Direct.

Register Now and Save!

- Register now and receive ILHIE Direct at no cost through June 2013
- Sign a 12-month contract (7/1/13 – 6/30/14) by June 2013 and receive ILHIE Direct at a 50% discount.
- On 7/1/13 you will be invoiced for 12 months at 50% of the below listed low costs:

ILHIE Direct Pricing

Mailbox Users Per Organization

1 - 9
10-49
50-249
250+

Monthly Price per Mailbox

\$10
\$8
\$6
\$5

Register With a Partner

An ILHIE Direct message can only be sent to another provider with an ILHIE Direct address. When you register please:

- Identify someone already with a Direct address or
- Register with a partner to exchange information with

Currently Using ILHIE Direct

- Continue to enjoy the service at no cost through June 2013
- To continue service, sign a 12-month contract (7/1/13 – 6/30/14) by June 2013 and receive ILHIE Direct at a 50% discount.
- On 7/1/13 you will be invoiced for 12 months at 50% of the above listed low prices.
- Continue to enjoy the service at no cost through June 2013

Promotion Ends June 30, 2013

Beginning July 1, 2013, 12-month ILHIE Direct service contracts will be offered at the above listed prices to all new registrants.

For more information or to register for ILHIE Direct visit <http://ilhiedirect.net>

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